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The RAVAGE.

AFTER ALL YOUR WORK...YOUR DEDICATION...WE FAILED!
BUT I AM NOT LUCKY ENOUGH TO FORGET FOREVER.
A PART OF ME WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.

SOMEHOW...I THOUGHT IT WOULD MEAN MORE.
SHOULDN'T HAVE SIGNED IT.
NOW IT'S MY TURN.
SMASH!





WORTHY!






KRRRNK!
KRRRNK!
KRRRNK!


KRRRNK!






BROOKLYN.








SHOCK!


UNFFF!


SHOCK!


SHRRAM


HRRK!
SHRRAM


WHERE YOU BEEN? WE CALLED FOR BACKUP LIKE AN HOUR AGO--


HEY, YOU'RE WELCOME. HAD A NINE-SCORE ROBBERY ATTEMPT IN THE LOWER EAST CORRIDOR, GOT HERE AS FAST AS WE COULD. WHAT IS THIS?
YOU DIDN'T GET THE BRIEF?
NOTHING WORKS OVER HERE, YOU KNOW THAT, JAKE.


SIGH MISSING PERSON--GUY FROM E.C.O., WORKS ON CELL THERAPY--
WHAT THE HELL WAS HE DOING OVER HERE?!
PARTNER SAID HE GOT APPROACHED BY A WOMAN, SAID HER SON WAS SUFFERING FROM SKULLFIRE--TELLS HIM HE'S NOT GONNA MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT, SAYS HE'S SCREAMING FOR HOURS--


GUY DECIDES, "HEY, I CAN CURE THAT WITH ONE INJECTION, CAN'T JUST LET THE KID DIE, RIGHT?"
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...
WOULD I LIE TO YOU, HECTOR? PACKS SOME CELLBURSTS, SNEAKS OVER ON A WASTE TRANSPORT.
SHOCKING IDIOT.


WE FOUND THE MOTHER AND THE BOY ON THE PYRES. AT LEAST WE THINK IT'S THEM. DRANGS ON THE BLOCK DID NOT GO EASY.
AND YET WE THINK THIS HIGH-RISER IS STILL BREATHING?
HE'S PRETTY VALUABLE TO HIS CIRCLE, APPARENTLY. GUESS THEY'RE HOPING FOR A MIRACLE.


WELL, THINK THEY'RE OUT OF LUCK--


--APPARENTLY THE GOD OF THUNDER'S NOT IN A MERCIFUL MOOD TODAY.
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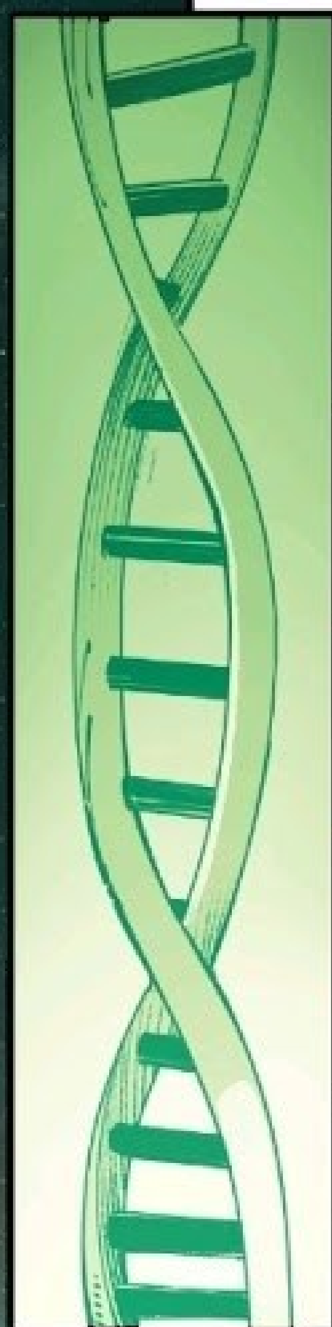
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AMAZING.
ALCHEMAX




SIMPLY AMAZING, MIGUEL. DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE BROUGHT US?
APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, TYLER, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GET TOO EXCITED JUST YET.
NONSENSE--
--THE INCREASED STRENGTH, ENHANCED REFLEXES--THOSE ARE IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH.


BUT IT'S THE SENSORY REACTION TO AN INCOMING THREAT THAT'S THE MOST FASCINATING. IMAGINE THE APPLICATIONS--
I CAN IMAGINE PLENTY, BUT I SUSPECT I ONLY NEED TO THINK OF ONE--
CAREFUL, MIGUEL--


--I UNDERSTAND THE RAIDER INITIATIVE MAY APPEAR A BIT... UNSEEMLY FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT IT IS VITAL TO GUARDING THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WE'VE WORKED SO HARD TO BUILD HERE.
NOT TO MENTION OTHER PEOPLE'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.
⋞SIGH⋟ YOU KNOW FOR A FACT THAT ALCHEMAX'S COMPETITORS WOULD DO THE SAME, AND FAR WORSE.


OUR PURSUIT, OUR VALUE, OUR REASON FOR BEING, IS THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH. AND THIS WILL CERTAINLY HELP US FIND IT.
WHAT DID THEY CALL THE TEST SUBJECT AGAIN?
YOU MEAN BACK AT THE FACILITY?







"THE
SPIDER MAN."


HH. CUTE. WELL, AT ANY RATE, WE ALL OWE YOU A GREAT DEBT. I KNOW HOW... TRYING TIME IN THE RAVAGE CAN BE. BUT IT WAS MORE THAN WORTH IT IN THIS INSTANCE.
THAT'S WHAT I KEEP TRYING TO TELL YOU, TYLER--I DON'T THINK IT WAS. THIS SEQUENCE--IT'S TOO DANGEROUS, TOO UNSTABLE. WE NEED TRIALS.
NONSENSE--


--YOU LEAVE THAT TO ME.
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, MIGUEL. THE SUN IS SHINING ON YOU. LET YOURSELF ENJOY IT. REMEMBER--


--KNOWLEDGE IS ITS OWN REWARD.


LYLA--I NEED YOU TO SEARCH A TERM FOR ME...

"WHAT DO YOU SEE?"
"I SEE THE WORLD AS YOU MADE IT.
"COLD AND CRUEL--
"--FULL OF *LOST SOULS.*
"SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING THEY KNOW HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM.
"--AND IN ITS PLACE YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM A LIE.
"THEY HAVE LOST THEIR GUIDING LIGHT, THEIR BELIEF IN SOMETHING GREATER--
"THIS WORLD IS *ANGRY*--AND ALL THE SCIENCE YOU GIFT THEM, ALL THIS SUPPOSED PROGRESS, NONE OF IT HIDES--

"--THAT THE BARBARIANS ARE AT THE GATE.
"I GROW TIRED OF SEEING THIS. THIS WANDERING IN THE DARK, THIS POINTLESS BLOODSHED..."
PLEASE... LET ME *REST.*
SOON ENOUGH. BUT FOR NOW--
--DOOM HAS *USE* OF YOU.
SO, I ASK AGAIN--


--WHAT DO YOU SEE, WATCHER?


BECAUSE I WILL TELL YOU WHAT *MY* EYES BEHOLD.
A PEOPLE CLEANSED OF THEIR LOWEST INSTINCTS.
NO MORE SCARCITY. NO MORE NEED.
NO LONGER MUST THEY STRUGGLE JUST TO SURVIVE.


"NOW THEY ARE FREE TO FULFILL THEIR POTENTIAL WITHOUT DISTRACTION.
"AT LAST THEY CAN REALIZE HUMANKIND'S TRUE DESTINY--


"DISCOVERY.
"EXPRESSION.
"ILLUMINATION.
"GIVEN ALL THIS, WHAT DO THEY CHOOSE TO DO WITH IT--


"--BUT BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS THEM FROM THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE. THEY RENOUNCE SO MUCH PROGRESS TOWARD A PERFECT END.
"INSTEAD THEY REVEL IN THEIR OWN IGNORANCE AND SUPERSTITION.


"INSTEAD THEY QUESTION THIS GREAT GIFT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN."
"NO--YOU DID NOT GIVE THEM ANYTHING, DOOM. YOU ONLY *TOOK* FROM THEM--"


--THEIR MEMORIES. THEIR HISTORY. DID YOU REALLY THINK THEY WOULD NEVER TRY TO GET IT BACK?
THE WORLD WAS ON FIRE, WATCHER. I DID WHAT WAS NEEDED.


ONLY DOOM COULD CARRY SUCH A BURDEN.

"LESSER MEN WHO BELIEVED THEMSELVES GODS HAD NEARLY DESTROYED US. I PURIFIED US, AND SET OUR COURSE RIGHT.
"BUT I COULD ONLY DO SO BY WIPING THEIR EXISTENCE--AND THE *MEMORY* OF THEM--FROM THE VERY FACE OF THE EARTH.
"A SMALL PRICE TO PAY."
AND YET, EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR, I FEEL THE OLD WAYS TRYING TO RETURN. LIKE AN INFECTION WHOSE SPREAD CAN ONLY BE SLOWED.
AND SO WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT, YOU AND I, WATCHER--
--LEST THE LOST AGE RETURN. SO SHOW ME...


"SHOW ME WHERE IT BEGINS."
BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC EYE, HALT! IMMEDIATELY PULL YOUR VEHICLE OVER--
LIKE HELL! COME ON, COME ON--


BLAM
SHOCK!


KEEP MOVING, YOU WORTHLESS PIECE OF SCRAP. DON'T DIE ON ME NOW--WE'RE ALMOST--


WELCOME TO TRANSVERSE CITY
THERE! THERE IT IS!


SKREEECH


HA HAAA! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, WE MADE IT!
YOU SURE DID, MY FRIEND--


"--WELCOME TO THE ROAD THAT NEVER ENDS!"
TRANSVERSE CITY.



HE STOLE MY WORK! I WORKED ON THAT PLAY FOR FOUR YEARS. THEN MY PARTNER--HE JUST TOOK ALL THE CREDIT. HIS SCORE WENT UP SIX POINTS!

I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT HIM, I JUST--I JUST WANTED TO TALK. GET HIM TO *ADMIT* IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.










--BUT SHE'S THE BEST IN NINETY LANES.
SOMEBODY CALL A MECHANIC?

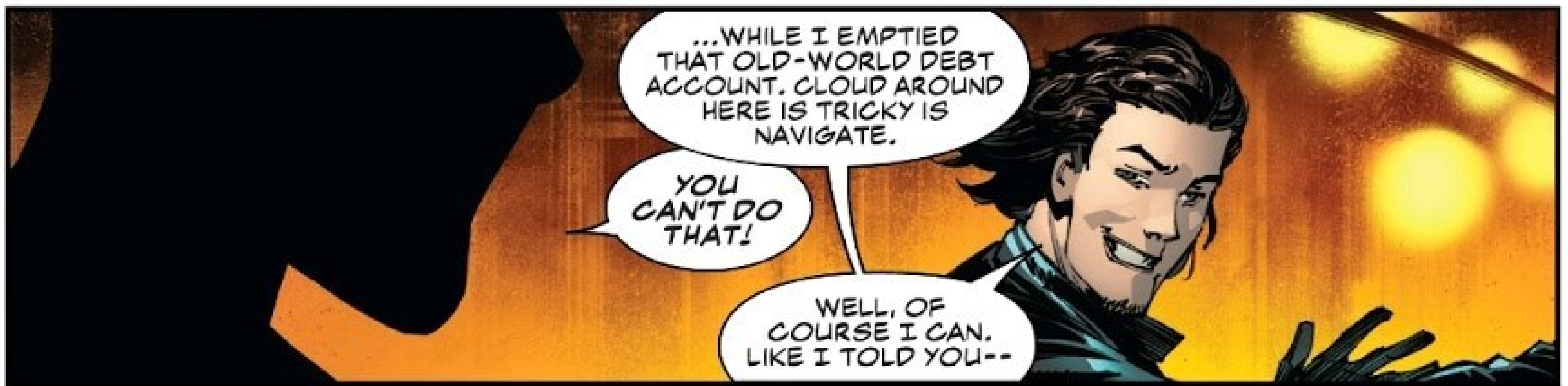

WOW, MISTER--THEY REALLY DID A NUMBER ON YOUR CONVERTER.
HOW MUCH?
THREE HUNDRED. PLUS PARTS.


THREE HUNDRED?! HOW DID PEOPLE LIVE LIKE THIS?!
YOU CAN ALWAYS TAKE YOUR CHANCES. SHE MIGHT HOLD...
NO, IT WON'T! HERE--SENDING IT NOW--


JUST MAKE IT QUI--


WAIT--WHAT'S HAPPENING?


AND YOU--WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE GONNA MAKE IT WORSE!
WELL, THAT DEPENDS ON YOUR PERSPECTIVE. I NEEDED HER TO SLOW YOU DOWN A LITTLE--
OH, I SLOWED HIM DOWN ALL RIGHT...


...WHILE I EMPTIED THAT OLD-WORLD DEBT ACCOUNT. CLOUD AROUND HERE IS TRICKY IS NAVIGATE.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
WELL, OF COURSE I CAN. LIKE I TOLD YOU--


--THERE ARE NO LAWS HERE IN TRANSVERSE CITY, LONG AS YOU KEEP MOVING.
BUT HERE'S THE THING-- IF YOU STOP? WELL...


NOOOO!


"IF YOU STOP, THE LAW IS RIGHT THERE WAITING.


"A PETTY THIEF? WHAT IS HE TO DOOM?"
"YOU SHOULD LOOK CLOSER, VICTOR. SEE WHAT HIDES IN PLAIN SIGHT...


"SEE WHAT RIDES BEHIND THEM.


"OR LOOK CLOSER TO NUEVA YORK, THE OUTSKIRTS...


"...WHERE OTHER DEVILS HIDE."
"RAIDERS. WHY SHOULD I CONCERN MYSELF WITH MERCENARIES? AH, WAIT, I SEE NOW--"


'SCUSE ME!
"THE LITTLE LOST ONE."
AND SO I TOLD HIM, "YOU WANTED THE CONTRACT SIGNED. YOU DIDN'T SAY NOTHING ABOUT HIS HEAD."
YOU DID NOT.
'SCUSE ME, 'SCUSE ME?


HI, I'M HERBIE.
HAVE YOU SEEN MY MOTHER'S FRIENDS?


WELL, WOULDYA LOOKIT THAT?
HAVEN'T SEEN A MODEL LIKE THAT SINCE I WAS A KID.


NO WAY IT'S ON THE MASTER NETWORK. THOUGHT THEY BANNED THESE FOR UNREGULATED PARTS.
HEY, PUT ME DOWN!
THINK YOU MEAN PARTS WE CAN USE. THROW 'IM HERE.


LET ME GO-- PLEASE. I'M SORRY I GOT LOST--
IDENTITY AND EMPATHY RANGE AIN'T BAD. WHOEVER PUT IT TOGETHER KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING.
YEAH, OUGHTA BE IN A MUSEUM. AS IS--


--DEFINITELY GONNA BE SOME GOOD UNREGISTERED PROCESSORS IN HERE--
PLEASE... I JUST WANT TO FIND MY MOTHER'S FRIENDS.
GOD, HOW DO I SHUT HIM UP?
FUNNY--


--I WAS JUST WONDERIN' THE SAME.


HOW 'BOUT YOU PUT THE BOT DOWN AND GO BACK TO LYING TO IMPRESS EACH OTHER?


VENTURE--HEY, SORRY, DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD AN INTEREST HERE. HERE WE GO, SEE? NO HARM NO FOUL--LITTLE GUY IS FINE...
AW, TO HELL WITH THAT--I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU. AND AFTER THAT STUNT YOU PULLED--
ON THE SYNTHIA JOB--


SHRRAM


WHAT THE SHOCK'D YOU DO THAT FOR? I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD YOU TO PISS OFF--HE DID WHAT *YOU TOLD* HIM TO!
FAIR ENOUGH--


SHRRAM


--BUT HE'S STILL GOT LOUSY TASTE IN FRIENDS.


SNIFF...
YOU ALL RIGHT, LI'L HOMBRE?


I JUST WANT TO FIND MY MOTHER'S FRIENDS....
I SEE. WELL, I RECKON WHEREVER YOUR PEOPLE ARE, IT'S PLENTY OF MILES FROM A HOLE LIKE THIS.
MY MOM TOLD ME TO COME HERE, THOUGH. SHE TOLD ME TO COME HERE AND GET SOMEONE TO HELP ME FIND HER FRIENDS...


CAN YOU HELP ME FIND THEM?
EHHH...NOT EXACTLY MY SPECIALITY--
I CAN PAY YOU! MY MOTHER SAID IT'S OKAY...


'PRECIATE THE OFFER, PARTNER, BUT--WELL, YOU DO LOOK LIKE YOU BEEN IN DEEP STORAGE LONG ENOUGH THAT MONEY STILL MEANT SOMETHING.
NOT MONEY--


--MOTHER SAYS IT'S WAY BETTER THAN MONEY.
HOLY...


"HH. LET IT NOT BE SAID DOOM IS NOT WITHOUT KINDNESS, WATCHER.
"THIS ONE I WILL SPARE, IN HONOR OF HIS 'MOTHER.' BESIDES--"


--WE BOTH KNOW HE WILL NEVER SUCCEED.


SO THIS IS ALL YOU HAVE FOR ME, THEN? FOOL'S ERRANDS AND BOXED MACHINES?


I HAVE BEEN TOO WARY. THE WORK IS DONE. I SHOULD ALLOW MYSELF SOME SOLACE.
PERHAPS. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU ASKED ME WHAT I SAW. BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE-- SOMETHING I HEAR--


--AND I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR IT, AS WELL.
METAL ON METAL-- A FORGE AND A FIRE.


"SOMEWHERE, A WAR IS BEING DECLARED...
"AND WITH IT--

"--COMES DOOM."
ANOTHER IMPOSTOR. I WILL SEND THE KINGPIN.
A POSSIBILITY. OR COULD IT BE YOUR PAST HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOUR PRESENT? AND IF IT HAS, WILL YOU AT LEAST ADMIT THE TRUTH TO HIM?
THAT ALL THIS ISN'T SOME NOBLE SACRIFICE YOU HAVE MADE, VICTOR. THAT ALL THIS PAIN, ALL THIS DECEIT--
--IT BEGINS WITH YOU AND YOUR FOOLISH PRIDE. THIS IS ALL YOUR FAU--


AAARRRRRGGHHH!


YOU WOULD BE WISE TO REMEMBER THE LIMITS OF MY MERCY, UATU.
YOU ARE KEPT HERE, AND KEPT ALIVE, BECAUSE I NEED YOUR EYES--


--YOUR *TONGUE*, HOWEVER, IS A DIFFERENT STORY.


YOU'RE TOO LATE, VICTOR. NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY, YOU CANNOT SNUFF OUT MAN'S VERY NATURE.
HE WILL NOT BEND OR KNEEL--


"--NOT TO GOD OR MAN. HIS FUTURE--


"--WILL BE HIS *OWN*."
TO BE CONTINUED IN
CONAN 2099


GHOST RIDER 2099


PUNISHER 2099


FANTASTIC FOUR 2099


SPIDER-MAN 2099
AND MORE!

"SO, EIGHTY YEARS AGO WAS 1939, RIGHT?"

spoke writer extraordinaire Matthew Rosenberg during one of our Marvel Comics Creative Summits. He went on, "But you realize that eighty years from now is **2099**, right?" As a group we sort of drove past the comment. But the elegance of that fact stuck with Nick Spencer and a few weeks later we were talking about a new plan he had for **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN** and, well, the future.

Ever since Marvel's possible future was introduced by Stan Lee, Paul Ryan, Peter David, Rick Leonardi, Pat Mills, Tony Skinner, Tom Morgan, John Francis Moore, Pat Broderick and Joey Cavalieri it resonated with Marvel Fans. We've revisited 2099 a bunch of times since its inception in 1992, but for this one, Nick wanted to do it differently.

The whole approach was to try and reimagine the future of the Marvel U differently than that epic list of creators did back in 1992 but with similar methodology. Nick wanted to look at how futurism had changed since the '90s and give a more 2019 look at it. He wanted to avoid the common traps of leaning super hard on the descendants of the current Marvel U heroes and follow the lead of the **SPIDER-MAN 2099** team with Miguel O'Hara rather than, say, Peter Parker the XIII.

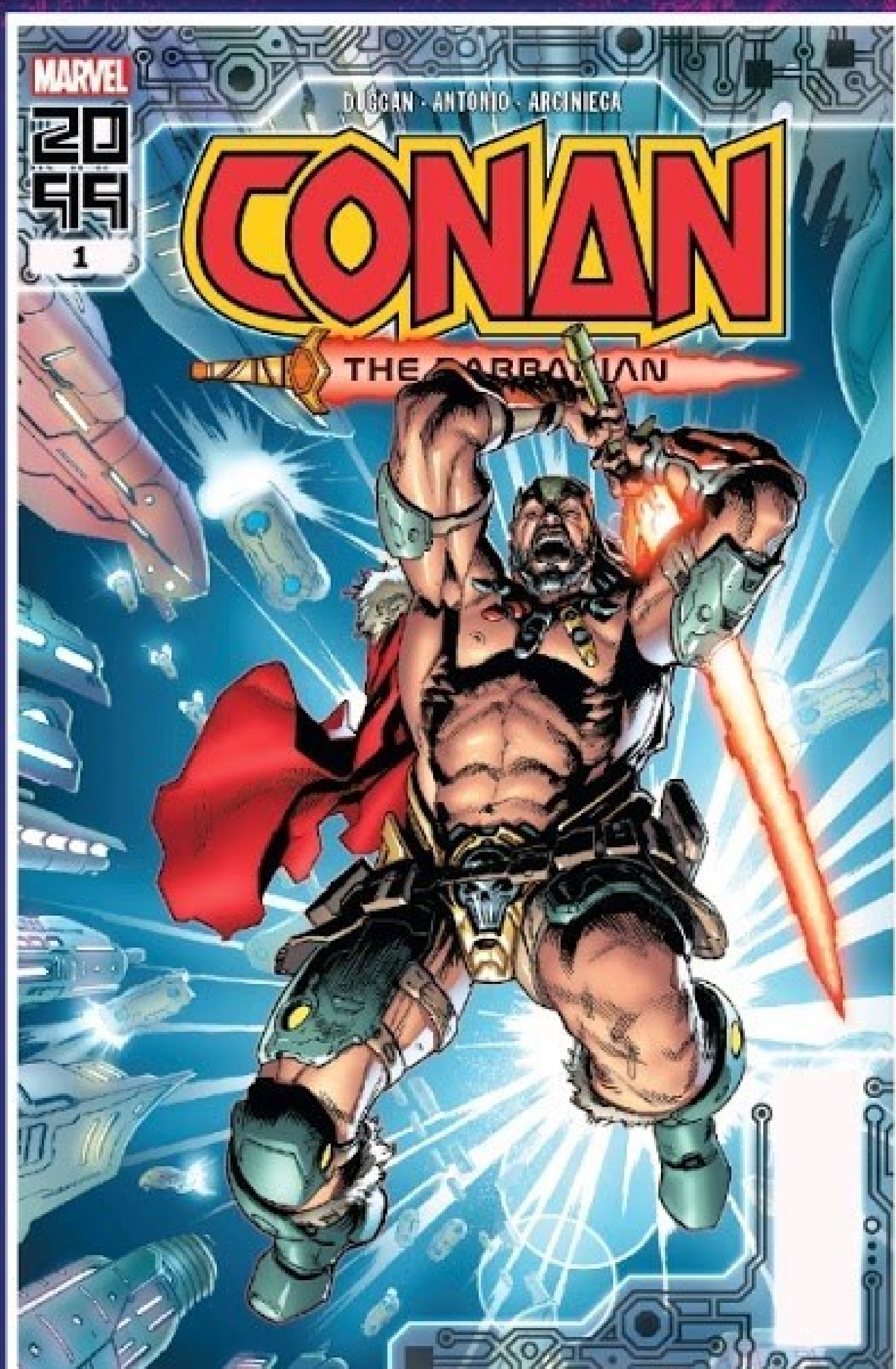
So we put together an incredible group of current creators to lay out the new future for the Marvel Universe. Nick Spencer and the incredible Viktor Bogdanović (in his first Marvel book!) and Marte Gracia led the way with the Alpha comic you just read and Nick is closing out the story with Gerardo Sandoval and Morry Hollowell on the Omega. Nick is also writing the **SPIDER-MAN 2099** one-shot with Zé Carlos and Brian Reber on the art. But that's far from all. We've got Chip Zdarsky, Marco Castiello and Chris Sotomayor on **DOOM 2099**! We've got Gerry Duggan, Rogê Antônio and Erick Arciniega on **CONAN 2099**! YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT, CONAN IS IN THIS 2099!!! Karla Pacheco, Steven Cummings and Chris Sotomayor bring you a new **FANTASTIC FOUR 2099**! Lonnie Nadler, Zac Thompson, Matt Horak and Rachelle Rosenberg are updating **PUNISHER 2099**! Jody Houser, Francesco Mobili, Geraldo Borges and Rachelle Rosenberg bring an all-new look at **VENOM 2099**! And last but not least, Ed Brisson, Damian Couceiro and Dono Sánchez-Almara are revolutionizing **GHOST RIDER 2099**!

You'll notice that Matthew Rosenberg was not listed there, but that's just because he was too busy reimagining ANNIHILATION (which is the subject of A VERY DIFFERENT page and I've talked too much already) to join into our fun. We hope you enjoy this new look at the future as much as we enjoyed making it.

Nick Lowe
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THE FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE 2099 CHECKLIST

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- CONAN 2099 #1
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- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #35
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